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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/783,287	Applicant(s) LIM ET AL.	
	Examiner Aurangzeb Hassan	Art Unit 2182	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. For a system or an apparatus or a machine to be a physical object, at least one recited element must be hardware. It is unclear to the examiner whether any of the limitations of claims 5-8 necessarily recite hardware.

According to the applicants specification paragraph [0029] on page 3, an apparatus may be defined as software alone, a computer program per se and ~~are~~ rejected for being non-statutory. *the claims are therefore* 

To expedite a complete examination of the instant application, the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 (non-statutory) above are further rejected as set forth below in anticipation of applicant amending these claims to place them within the four statutory categories of invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1 – 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Tang et al. (International Publication Number WO 03/050684 hereinafter “Tang”).

5. As per claims 1, 5, 9, and 13, Tang teaches a method, apparatus, medium, and system for burst mode data transfers (delivered small bursts, lines 15 – 16, paragraph [0022]) between a CPU (central processor, element 510, figure 5) and a FIFO (figure 1), the CPU adapted to execute a burst mode (burst mode lines 6-7, paragraph [0029]) memory access instruction defining multiple memory addresses (FIFO memory circuitry includes (addresses) storage locations for control bits and data bits, lines 6 – 7, paragraph [0034]), the method comprising the steps of:

Decoding (decompression logic included in the FIFO memory, paragraph [0028]) the multiple memory addresses to produce an output that is the same for each of the multiple memory addresses (burst operations transfers data from multiple memory locations concurrently allowing for equating output lines, paragraph [0024]); and

accessing the FIFO repeatedly, for each of the multiple addresses, by use of said output (multiple transactions with large amounts of data can arrive in rapid succession, paragraph [0029]).

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6. As per claims 2, 6, 10, and 14 Tang teaches a method, apparatus, medium, and system further comprising placing the multiple memory addresses sequentially on a bus (lines 9 – 14, paragraph [0022]), and sequentially receiving the multiple memory addresses from the bus for said step of decoding (delivered as small bursts, lines 15 – 16, paragraph [0022]).

7. As per claims 3, 7, 11, and 15 Tang teaches a method, apparatus, medium and system wherein said step of accessing is read accessing (read cycles, paragraph [0026], Reads from FIFO memory, paragraph [0033]).

8. As per claims 4, 8, 12, and 16 Tang teaches a method, apparatus, medium and system wherein said step of accessing is write accessing (write cycles, paragraph [0026], written into the FIFO memory, paragraph [0042]).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Examiner makes note of references are cited to further show the state of the art as it pertains to the applicants invention, teaching burst modes for CPU and FIFO inclusively.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aurangzeb Hassan whose telephone number is


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(571)272-8625. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on (571)272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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